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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE: CHINESE COMMUNIST CAPABILITIES FOR
ATTACKING INDIA THROUGH BURMESE
TERRITORY

THE PROBLEM

To assess the offensive capabilities of Communist China's military forces against India in an attack through Burma. The assessment is to assume Burmese acquiescence in the use of their territory.*

QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

I. GENERAL

- A. What principal political/military/economic considerations affect directly the Chinese Communists' capabilities for launching air and ground attacks against India through Burma?

* This assumption would preclude the active support of the Burmese population, economy, and military forces, but would include the use by the Chinese of all transportation facilities, including airfields, along the path of their attack.

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- B. What routes are feasible avenues for such an attack?
What would be the objectives of these attack?
- C. Discuss Chinese Communist logistic capabilities and limitations on the Chinese side of the border, in Burma, and in India.
- D. Describe the climatic and geographic factors that would affect the nature and timing of such a campaign.
- E. Describe the number and type of units and the type of operations which the Chinese could support in this theater.
- F. What effect would such a campaign have on Chinese military capabilities in the Tibet-Sinkiang area? Specifically, how do the above considerations affect the judgments of the USIB Memoranda, "Chinese Communist Ground Threat Against India from Tibet and Sinkiang," dated 17 April 1963, and "█████ Estimate of the Chinese Communist Air Threat Against India," dated 17 January 1963.

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II. GRAPHICS

What maps, other graphics and tabular materials will be required?

III. POST MORTEM COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

What significant gaps in intelligence information have become apparent in the preparation of this study?

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